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1. LOGISTIC SUPPORT FOR LST'S AND THEIR CREWS CAN BE ARRANGED WITH VNN AFTER ARRIVAL IN VIETNAMESE WATERS. WHILE THE FULL LOAD OF HUMANITARIAN SUPPLIES MENTIONED WILL BE WELCOME, THE SHIPS SHOULD ALSO BE DIRECTED TO DEPLOY WITH 30 DAYS PROVISIONS ON BOARD.

2. THE CHANNEL FOR ASSIGNMENT AND COORDINATION OF MISSIONS AFTER ARRIVAL WILL BE THROUGH DIRECT LIAISON BETWEEN KOREAN MILITARY ATTACHE SAIGON (COLONEL YEUNG-SOON CHUNG), AND DCS/OPS VNN (CAPTAIN KIEM). THE SHIPS SHOULD BE PREPARED TO COMMUNICATE WITH THEIR EMBASSY PRIOR TO ARRIVAL FOR SAILING DIRECTIONS.

3. AIR AND NAVAL SECURITY AND ESCORT FOR LSTS WHILE THEY ARE IN VIETNAMESE WATERS CAN BE ARRANGED WITH THE VNN. AT PRESENT, THERE IS NO AIR THREAT NOR NEED FOR ESCORT WHILE IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS. NAVAL SECURITY WHILE IN PORT CAN PROBABLY ALSO BE ARRANGED WITH VNN; HOWEVER, IF SHIPS CAN CARRY A SUPPLY OF CONCUSSION HAND GRENADES IT WOULD ENHANCE THEIR SECURITY WHILE IN PORT.

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